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Dear Mr. Yamamoto:

This is in response to your "Request for Expanding Scope of Limited Recognition Under 37 CFR § 10.9(b) for Kanichiro Yamamoto" filed September 22, 2003. Your request is granted to the extent you seek to conform your limited recognition to the scope of your visa employment authorization. Thus, although you requested that the language of your limited recognition be expanded only to include "majority-owned" subsidiaries, your limited recognition has been revised to recite "subsidiaries" as set forth in your visa documents.

Your application reveals that you are a citizen of Japan. Documents you furnished reveal that you are a nonimmigrant who is temporarily residing in the United States on an L-1 visa. Your authorization for employment arises under the provisions of 8 CFR § 274a.12(b). The authorization is valid through July 31, 2006. You are authorized to be employed in the United States by Furukawa Electric North America, Inc., the party that submitted the Petition. You are subject to employment restrictions described in one or more sections of Chapter 1 of Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations. 8 CFR § 274a.12(b). You may be employed only by Furukawa Electric North America, Inc. for the period authorized by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration. Any change in employment or training requires a new petition and approval from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration. 8 CFR § 214.1(e). "Any unauthorized employment by a nonimmigrant constitutes a failure to maintain status.

In view of the limitations placed upon you by your visa, it would appear that you would not be free, as a registered practitioner, to be employed by other than your present employer, Furukawa Electric North America, Inc., or to acquire your own clients. You are not being registered as a patent attorney or patent agent. However, you have passed the examination and demonstrated possession of the required technical qualifications. Thus, pursuant to 37 CFR § 10.9(b), you are hereby granted limited recognition until September 29, 2004, to prosecute patent applications in which Furukawa Electric Co. Ltd. or a subsidiary of Furukawa Electric Co. Ltd. is the assignee of the entire right, title and

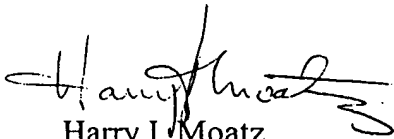
interest in the claimed invention. However, if prior to September 29, 2004, your employer changes, your visa status changes, or you cease to reside in the United States, your limited recognition shall automatically expire.

Limited recognition is granted in maximum increments of one year. If, on August 29, 2004, you continue to legally reside in the United States on an L-1 visa and your employment status has not changed, you may request that your limited recognition be extended. Such a request must be in writing to the Director of Enrollment and Discipline, and should verify your visa status, your employment and your current address.

Consistent with the terms of 37 CFR § 10.11(a), you are required to promptly notify the Director of any change of address. See 37 CFR § 10.23(c)(14).

Enclosed is a master copy of the original document granting you limited recognition. A copy of this document must be filed in each patent application you prosecute. Once the document has been entered into the file of a patent application, you must make reference to it whenever you correspond with the Office during the prosecution of the application. The original document granting limited recognition is on file in the Office of Enrollment and Discipline. If you cease to lawfully reside in the United States, if your visa expires, or you change employers, whichever occurs first, you must promptly file a notice of the same in each patent application in which a copy of the limited recognition has been filed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harry I. Moatz", written over a horizontal line.

Harry I. Moatz

Director of Enrollment and Discipline

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